

Duwet language

Duwet, also known as **Guwot** or **Waing**, is an aberrant member of the Busu subgroup of Lower Markham languages in Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea. Duwet is spoken by about 400 people and appears to have been heavily influenced by its neighboring Nabak language (also called **Wain**) of the Papuan Trans–New Guinea languages. It is spoken in the three villages of Lambaip, Lawasumbileng, and Ninggiet.^[3]

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Person	Singular – past	Singular + past	Plural – past	Plural + past
1st person	nga-	ngga-	manga-	manga-
2nd person	ngu-	nggu-	manga-	manga-
3rd person	ngi-	nggi-	ngi-	nggi-

Numerals

Traditional Duwet numerals include only three basic forms: 'one', 'two', and 'hand (= five)'.

Duwet	
Guwot, Waing	
Region	New Guinea
Native speakers	400 (2011) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Western Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Huon Gulf<ul style="list-style-type: none">Markham<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lower Markham<ul style="list-style-type: none">Busu<ul style="list-style-type: none">Duwet
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	gve
Glottolog	duwe1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/duwe1237) ^[2]

Numeral	Term	Gloss
1	ta(gine)/ta(ine)	'one'
2	seik	'two'
3	seik mba ta	'two and one'
4	seik mba seik	'two and two'
5	lima-ngg	'hand-my'

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